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SHOCK CLANGER OVER AROK

MAMMOTH DEAL FOR APLA

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

APLA-LEICHHARDT is about to break the news of a massive sponsorship deal that will rock the National Soccer League fraternity.

At a special lunch, tentatively set down for Friday at the APLA club, full details are expected to be revealed to the press.

Mr Joe Poulos, APLA's "Godfather", was tight lipped last night about the forthcoming arrangements. But he did declare that a worldwide company company was behind it all.

The company, it is understood, is more than willing to come up to \$250,000 in cash and kind in APLA's direction for a two year deal.

But Mr Poulos said last night, "It is a fabulous offer, but for the moment we are only concerned about 1987 and what we can do this year."

"I would like the support for a mid year proposition and then we'll see about 1988."

"We have bought very well during the off season. I have great hopes for our coach, Ron Rose, and this year could be ours."

"I just want to wait and see what we can achieve."

Mr Poulos, a powerful Sydney businessman in the City's heartlands, is a quiet achiever. His commitment can touch for this. APLA has already secured the guest services of Mats Wilander, who will be in Australia in two months.

"His English is so bad that he has communication problems."



FRANK AROK ... communication problem?

BY KEITH GILMOUR

NATIONAL Coaching Director Eric Worthington fired a television broadside in the direction of National coach Frank Arok on Sunday.

The occasion was the David Goodlake segment on Sport Sunday on the Nine Network, concerning the Australian Institute of Sport's controversial appointment of Arok to coach the Australian men's team.

Said Eric, all while-eyed and happy-told: "His English is so bad that he has communication problems."

"Well, having spoken to Arok numerous times, I can do no more than stand back in amazement."

At times, of course, Frank has his own perspective. "I do (not) think so that ... is an example."

But that is nothing against his general fluency in the English tongue.

But, at the drop of a cue, a few Frank can launch into such a cascade of strange thoughts and ideas in the English tongue that it makes the journalist wonder when the flow will dry up.

Right now, "I do not think so that I should say" that if Frank Arok, who is given a coach as he is a commissioner then he would rank ahead of Graham Taylor, Bobby Robson, Terry Venables, Carlos Bilardo and the rest.

However ... now I've said it.

On the subject of the Australian captain John Warrington, talked of school-teaching types and

the Powers mafia."

Eric Worthington even added, "I think that a Powers mafia is an unfortunate name. In any way, it's not mine."



ERIC WORTHINGTON

criticising various ... mafia."

Approaches

Warren himself said that four different sources had approached him to ap-

LIONS WANT SHARE IN PRE-SEASON BOOTY

BY GREG MURPHY

BRISBANE Lions want a crack at Ansett Challenge Shield winners Melbourne Croatia after claiming their third Queensland XXX pre-season tournament in five years last week.

Lions beat Redlands 2-0 in the final to maintain their unbeaten pre-season record and believe they should have been included in the format which pitted the Buffalo cup winners against NSW's State Bank Cup winners, Sydney Croatia.

"If we are going to have interstate competition between pre-season tournament winners then I can see no reason why Queensland should not be included," Lions president Mr John Morris said.

"The XXX pre-season tournament has been running for five years and probably has more credibility and standing than any of the other interstate pre-season tournaments."

"As winners I think we deserve a chance to play in this National pre-season champions competition."

Lions have made the final every year and stored for last year's penalty kicks loss to Brisbane City by comfortably beating Redlands in rain-soaked conditions this time.

Although the two teams were scoreless at half-time, Lions did their usual trick of stepping up the pace in the second half to score goals through Dave Richardson and Brett Drury.

Richardson finished a fine team effort while Drury's was a spectacular header of a Richard Basingthwaights cross.

Drury, who scored nine goals in nine pre-season games, was named player of the series.

Redlands were best served by their player-coach Steve Perry, goalkeeper Robert Harrison and big striker Barry Kelso. Kelso had a running battle throughout with his former Brisbane City team-mate Frank Liddell, who finished the match requiring two stitches in a facial cut.

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THE National Soccer League has dovetailed the Beach Fashions Cup series well into its fixture list.

The opening match will be played on Wednesday April 5 and the series runs through each Wednesday night until the final date on June 3.

This series is also tailored to meet the requirements of SBS-TV, which will provide a cover of the fixtures.

Then comes the rub, as far as fans in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide are concerned.

The West End League closes its shutters for three weeks from Sunday May 31, whilst the National team assembles to play Everton at Olympic Park Melbourne, followed by the trip to the President's Cup in Seoul.

It is good to see the national team getting the experience needed to cut a smart figure in the Olympic Games qualifying games, to follow later in the year.

But where do the grassroots followers of the game go at this stage to get their Soccer entertainment?

Perhaps the unattached supporter will enjoy some of the State League New, but unfortunately too many are inclined to follow just the one club.

It is up to the State League clubs to plan to snare extra spectators by putting on a trip showing at this important time of the football year.

The pity of it, in Soccer, is that at the height of the club season, everything has to go to sleep.

It is a burden that no sport can successfully carry.

Compare the position with competitor sports. Australian rules has no such problem, although sometimes they might wish that they had.

With the game confined to Australia, there is no international play except for the occasional uncompetitive trip overseas.

But they gain from having all eyes focussed on the major club competition.

Rugby League allows very little distraction of its season.

France has gone down the gurgler and found to there and the north of England are conducted outside the Australian season.

The main point however is that very little disruption is allowed to club fixtures.

In Soccer the whole show ceases if a club has a couple of players in a national team.

It seems that no-one has ever bothered to check on the spectator losses involved in such a "system".

Rugby Union interests rarely stop their competitions, but admittedly they overdo the representative games and have NINE at stake in continuing with their competitions.

Probably Soccer will never be mature enough to face up to this question of continuity of play. Too many small vested interests are involved and an overview is hard to take.

—pGo—

As a second topic, it has been very interesting to note some of the crowd figures from Melbourne and Sydney quoted for games during the pre-season period.

In one case the television cover gave lie to the figure quoted — as far as we can reasonably be ascertained by a factor of two to one.

In another, the quoted crowd in all probability could not be accommodated in the arena.

If it was correct then packed crowds quoted in the past at half the figure must have been vastly understated — and no doubt they were not.

Last year, when a crowd factor was contained in the formula to determine which clubs made the 14 team league, there was usually a fair degree of accuracy in the announced figures.

Great things are anticipated for the 14 team competition. Correct crowd announcements will be expected to ensure that the good name of the West End NSL and the clubs is not sullied in this respect.

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comparisons, past and present . . . REFLECTIONS ON TWO TOP GAMES

SYDNEY Olympic v Marconi on the Friday and Sydney Croatia against Melbourne Croatia on the Sunday was a rare treat for me

Both games were at St George Stadium, though I watched the Sunday game on television.

Since 1977, when I watched West Adelaide in the inaugural National League, my coaching has been confined to the NSW State League and I have had limited opportunity to see National League games in action.

Watching Marconi and Olympic on the Friday night and the two Croatia on television, I tried to gauge whether the standard had diminished or improved since 1977.

In the Friday game, both teams were under strength as it was not a fair comparison. In the Sunday Cup final there was a fair comparison.

Olympic's team was full of young players of Greek heritage. Marconi, too with reasonable skill. Olympic is getting the benefit of the return of young players from overseas.

In my own under 24 team at St George this year, two thirds of the team are of Greek parentage who live in or adjacent to the St George area.

I wonder if we are

I am sure he was much more comfortable operating in the long passing game used by Sydney City.

To play well in tight situations you need close dribbling techniques such as squeezing and quick change of foot.

However, to function well in a striker in tight situations you also need strength, physical competitiveness and courage.

New Frank has all of these in some measure.

He will need to draw upon them in greater amounts if the pattern of Marconi games continues to be the same as this one.

Marconi played good Soccer, at times.

But they needed skill.

Additionally the back line, admittedly without Gary Lamont, was very poor on the night.

The Marconi player who did impress me was Steve Maxwell.

A young, very well built lad, he has class.

Our qualifications?

can have a selective problem there.

Cynism

In the Ansett Cup Final, Melbourne Croatia were ugly and cynical and they won.

They, as a team, were the opposite to Marconi.

Marconi was physical, competitive and got a result.

Marconi was prone to watch, but ineffective.

A team of a player is judged not on their style, but on their effectiveness.

Marconi beat City, sometimes two players, often in midfield or on wide, and sometimes close in on goal, but on once did he then produce an effective shot himself, or lay on a goal chance for a teammate.

This has been a failure of his for as long as I have seen him in the Croatia colours.

In this game he had several goal chances himself, some of which looked like being put away.

He looks a hard to con-

Goes for goal

Zeppo Jurin made such a difference to Sydney Croatia when he came on. He is a direct, capable and effective attacker who knows where the goal is.

Melbourne Croatia put Dave McDonald on Graham Arnold, who noticed him considerably, although I understand that Arnold did have an injury.

With Marconi playing with great deftness of foot, but little effort and the other striker Robbie Slater falling into his bad habit of wandering, away from the Sydney team and nothing to show himself complete midfield dominance over a team that did hardly create one goal chance.

Melbourne will apparently be better off with the advent of the Sydney and Willie Hand.

Sydney Croatia will need to solve the problem of Marconi.

He has not been a regular this year and cannot become so as part of a dual striking combination.

As a winger it might be different, providing arms for Graham Arnold and him.

The defence looks good with Ray Wright and much Valon Rosh in front of Tony Freeman.

Zeppo is good on



MIKE JOHNSON

Ex-First Division English footballer. Well known coach and author of Soccer skill publications.

shots but not so much in games.

I believe he punched more chances he should have caught and tried even one even which should have punched.

I suppose that is why. I will soon as a back up the national team goalkeeper rather than being the Number One.

He is young and has time on his side. In the Marconi game.

So, would my West Adelaide team be handled about two Croatian sides?

With international Marconi in goal, strong central defence and John Koumoudis front leading the game the team I find able to win.

Which indicates how much the long the re-establishment in the National League.



ANTHONY FRANKEN . . . tremendous on goals.

training about 20 for St George or Sydney Olympic.

That might depend on a certain extent on how many you have.

Olympic played Marconi without John Koumoudis and Peter Haskin points amongst others, but Marshall Super was there.

What a good talent, but as much wasted because of rubbish and thoughtlessness.

Perceptions

Olympic, minus its stars, were not impressive, yet because it defended so much better than Marconi, it won the game.

Marconi at times moved with impressive swiftness with some of one and two touch passing.

However, this did not always suit the style of striker Frank Farnia.

Farnia is very quick, but he requires more in which to unwind his speed.

He does not play as well in tight situations which often develops with short passing build-ups.

have with him, not knowing his probability to score, in his finishing. He missed a good chance in this game and I noticed him missing two very easy chances for Marconi in other games on television.

Maxwell is the opposite to Farnia in style and physical make up.

They should complement one another.

However, Geoff Gunning was introduced by Marconi in the second half and Maxwell dropped back into his team's low midfield.

Gunning looked useful and Roberto Vian

pet in tight situations, or if he is closely marked.

Allen Jonsson of Sweden, and George Best, showed, even at world level, that small strikers can compete in goals and score goals.

Marconi cannot expect to play up front in modern Soccer the way he is trying now, virtually without a vestige of physical contact.

Towards the end of the game he was frustrating his fellow attackers with his apprehensions into the penalty box, to snatch chances away from them with snap shots that had no hope of hitting goal.

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BETTER NEWS FOR OLYMPIC IN LATEST DEAL

SYDNEY OLYMPIC expects to release full details this week of who will be the club's official sponsors for this season. But I can tell you that it will not be Olympic Airways as the club had originally hoped.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

The club is well and truly due for some good news at long last. Over the past six days Sydney Olympic has been battered by the following incidents:

- A heavy injury last Sunday to their star striker, Marshall Super, who has ended his hospital from the St George Stadium.
- An unexpected loss to a

much younger Sydney City, going down 2-0.

- The sudden departure of their English professional defender, right-back Martin Rogers, who quickly flew over to England last week.
- The sacking of star utility goalkeeper player, Stuart Johnson.

- The imminent return of Olympic's coach, Milan Ladic, being sacked at any moment.
- Historic scenes from supporters at the end of last Sunday's match, putting the club's existence under severe pressure.
- Demands being made upon the club to retrieve star midfielder, Vicente Fernandez.

The sponsorship will be officially announced by the club's president, Mr Tom Dromositis later this week.

We can divulge that



the amount will generate a five figure sum in cash plus various under-takings for publicity expenses borne by the sponsor.

Last season's sponsor, Dr Cook Bros Seafoods, is again highly favoured to win the slot as major sponsor of Sydney Olympic.

However, last night Olympic officials were made aware of the identity of the sponsor.

Meanwhile, Stuart Johnson, has been granted permission to

negotiate with any other NAL club to gain his services, following a dispute with Olympic's coach, Milan Ladic.

Johnson, a most valuable player with Sydney Olympic over the last two years, no longer fits into the coach's plans.

and what a real pity this is.

Sydney Olympic's midfield last Sunday against Sydney City looked wonderful in their general, Peter Raskopoulos, who obviously is not fit, was forced to play when Super was carried off with a head laceration to his knee.

Johnson is a rugged full-back and blundered nicely last year with Olympic's sterling assistant, Gary Phillips.



NASTEVSKI'S SKILL FACTOR SUPERB — BUT VIGOR HERE

It's a sad but accepted fact that Soccer in this country is not blessed with an over abundance of genuinely skilful and technically gifted players.

Our basically British style of football leaves little room for the skill factor to be developed and while this type of game appears to suit the natural Australian instincts, it nevertheless inhibits Soccer as a crowd pleasing spectacle.

The arrival of a player who is an exception to this general rule is therefore always welcome by a Soccer public that has been deprived of watching real Soccer artists at work.

These types of players can be found at some of our leading clubs, but they are few and far between. It's hardly surprising that when a new one turns on the scene he makes an immediate impact with the fans.

One such player who has been the headlines during the past season is Zvezko Nasteovski.

The most surprising aspect of Nasteovski's transfer to Marconi was the fact that no other club made any serious moves to obtain his services.

This former FK Vardar player spent the best part of last season in the First League with Red Star and finished up as

the League's top scorer with 22 goals, yet Marconi had very little competition from other clubs to obtain his signature.

Before coming to Australia Nasteovski spent his entire career in the highly professional Yugoslav League and his experience shows up in his polished performances.

The former Vardar is a talent in 1979 and made his first team debut as a 19 year old when Vardar won promotion from the second division in 1977.

He remained a regular member of the side until 1982 before moving to second division side Pelister.

His disappointment of missing out by one goal from being the second division's top scorer in 1980 was made up by winning the title in the following

season with a total of 24 goals.

Nasteovski regards this as the highlight of his professional career so far.

Technique

The impression he has of Australian Soccer is not surprising, he sees our game as being over physical and lacking in technique but that is to be expected from our semi professional set up.

Nasteovski also feels that Marconi has more technical skills than other teams that he has seen up until now, and expects the side to be a real championship contender.

Although a rise player, this class artist would like to remain in Australia for at least three more years and is hoping for his wife and

children to join him in July.

At the moment he is sharing a flat in Fairfield with Croatia's Zarko Odobek but is anxious to be reunited with his family.

Marconi coach Roberto Vieri is delighted to have a player of Nasteovski's talent in the team and expects a big year from him.

If his performances in the State Bank competition are any guide, Nasteovski is certain to contribute heavily towards Marconi's goal tally.

Once he adjusts to the rigorous nature of National League Soccer Nasteovski's talents will not only satisfy the fans at Bosley Park, they will also be a great asset to Soccer in this country.

— FRANK SCILIONE

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WITH the positions on the league table starting to show some signs of consistency, there are still a number of teams who have not hit their straps yet.

Croydon continues to languish near the bottom third and this week take on the overhyped Caulfield.

Jim Tansey is struggling to bring his charges up to that "killer" reputation they once held. That killer instinct is definitely missing and with Caulfield playing some exciting Soccer, Croydon may find the going tough again. A win at home for Caulfield is on the cards.

Morewell Falcons also have had a poor start and

BY PHIL DIAMATARI

face the strong competition from Green Gully. Gully on paper look the goods but will have to win on the park — once again, does that mean things?

Frankston Pines and Broadmeadows should fight out a draw and Western Suburbs play host to Northcote, with Northcote hungry to pick up its first points of the season. The problem is — do they have anyone who

can score a point without goal?

The big clash between Frankston and St Albans is an important one in Frankston wants to keep its touch with the leaders and St Albans wants to retain status of them.

St Albans is playing a more direct game and seem to be far more serious, so they should be good enough for both points.

Maryknock take on Thornbury and look to be too strong, but Mike Lynn's team won't be "easy picking".

Thornbury's defence is very tight and the highlight of the match will be the battle between goalkeepers. Vasekovic is at Frankston and except George McMahon of Thornbury.

Don Hill and Springvale have also had a mediocre start to the season. Don Hill's squad is very talented but in Springvale's is a draw looks a likely result.

The A&W included in the league with points, would be equal top up to the stage.

They have shown us most that they are a team to be reckoned with, well equipped and well equipped, even though a couple of matches who

have been on the receiving end of a result have stated that the matches are "deadweight".

I wonder how much a loss in any type of match does for confidence. And

team moral — if you are a good team, you want to win any match — just ask Liverpool.

This week Oakleigh looks like being the A&W's next victim.

NEW HOME FOR "THE CELTS"

OLYMPIC Park No.2 ground, which is about to unveil Melbourne's first synthetic surface to accommodate Soccer, may have a new tenant.

Prabhu Catta of Victoria's second division has made enquiries about using the facilities as its home ground.

Prabhu Catta doesn't have any difficulty in getting permission from the Victorian Soccer Federation to use the ground. "The Celts" will be the first team in Melbourne to have a synthetic home ground.

Coincidentally, it's not teams like, Queens Park Rangers and Wimbledon, who are similar pitches, are having big problems with approx

tion from fellow clubs about the surface.

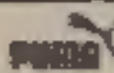
Now that the pitch is a problem, appreciation teams feel that there is an unfair advantage to the home team.

Legally the surface at Olympic Park is FIFA approved and Prabhu Catta's president for the last few years is now investigating the VSF constitution to verify Australian legislation, but says that there is no mention of the fact that matches must be played on natural grass.

Who knows, maybe one Prabhu Catta staff playing on the synthetic surface at Olympic Park, teams in their league may also complain about an unfair advantage which "The Celts" may develop.

— PHIL DIAMATARI

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VSF TOPSCORERS

- 5 WARSZAWSKI (Polonia)
- 3 MOROZIC (St Albans)
- 3 RUNJE (St Albans)
- 3 ZEMUNICK (Green Gully)
- 3 BITSONIS (Caulfield)

LAUNCESTON CITY'S FIRST CUP VICTORY

THE newly re-named Launceston City became the first Launceston-based club to win Northern Tasmania's premier pre-season competition — the Boags-Hudson Cup — by defeating glamour side, Matric, 3-1.

Behind a huge crowd, and in ideal weather conditions, both teams took the field prepared to do battle to the end — and not a exactly what happened.

Before both teams had an opportunity to settle down, City hit the lead — a Gerry Farrell goal into an open goal — but this was disallowed by referee Bruce Weaver for an apparent handball.

It was only a few minutes later, though, when the first goal was accepted by the referee.

Matric won a corner and Martin Wakeford crossed to allow team-mate Phil Davis to connect with a superb, powerful header past a stunned Hamilton into the net.

Matric then determinedly hung on in their slender lead — lacking strongly, covering each other intently and clearing their half desperately to safety.

Adams was called on a

number of occasions to save in point-blank range — once from Davidson and another time by Russell.



Man of the Match award winner Conrad Hughes of Matric, with Peter Cole, Tasmanian Representative.

Matric were almost given a second goal shortly before half-time when an attempted clearance skinned City's striker with Hamilton and his defenders totally failed.

However, City intervened this confusion and were able to mount a final corner upfield with the resultant shot forcing Adams to scramble and tip the ball over for a corner.

The question of ball-time was whether or not the forwards could hang on to their own goal lead and continue through the next 45 minutes to win their first title.

From the outset of the second half City took the offensive and, for long periods of time, besieged the Matric defence.

Matric's Lewendon handled the ball in the penalty area but, after a short protest by City players, the game continued and, 3 minutes later, were rewarded with the equaliser.

The diminutive Turner found his way in, to the dead ball line and bow man, opponent, before squaring it short to Russell for a simple toe-poke tap-in.

And, in another three minutes City grabbed the lead.

Referee Weaver picked out a free-kick in the penalty-area and Solbe calmly placed the ball into a diving Adams.

City sensed that they could possibly add another before the end of the game and occasionally

harassed Matric's final defence.

With only a minute remaining, Weaver again spotted out a foul in the penalty-area — this time for a challenge on Russell — and it was given to Davidson to hammer past Adams, picking the same spot as Solbe did earlier.

With scarcely time to restart the match, the whistle went to put an end to a hard-fought and entertaining Cup Final and captain Bob Miller had the honour of collecting the first major trophy on offer for the 1987 Northern Tasmanian Soccer season.

Earlier, Devonport had crossed to a 4-0 victory over Georgetown in the 1st place play-off. Blund headbook Billy Fraser sent in two and Mike Mathews returned to scoring form to blast another two away for a convincing win.

Conrad Hughes, Matric's new signing from Georgetown, was the named-the-season award for his fine display throughout his team's five games.

Final score: Launceston City (Russell, Solbe, Davidson) 3 Matric (Davis) 1.

JOHN TSCHUPPERS

TASMANIAN NEWS



Launceston City SC team — Winners

Front: L-R: D. Craig, F. Hopkins, S. Morley, B. Davidson, G. Farrell, D. Turner. Back: L-R: D. Cook, Z. Balyun, S. Birch, D. Cooper, C. Bessard, B. Shine, I. Hamilton, C. Dexter, S. Dujac, K. Derwile.



Launceston Matric SC team — Finalists

Front: L-R: R. Murray, J. Smith, A. Adams, J. Caddy, I. Bennett, P. Davidson, G. Slesor. Back: L-R: G. Lewendon, M. Wetherford, G. Reading, G. Billing, C. Hughes, P. Davis, D. Davis, P. Brookes, J. Hinds.



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ROBBIE SLATER's seven goals in four games stretched an eight game win to the Arsenal Shield final.

Robbie says that he takes things as they come, but he knows Arsenal's remain very much to be seen.

DAVE MCINTOSH, who played with clubs like Sydney Olympic, Yugal and Penrith in Sydney before joining Melbourne Croatia, is as strong and uncompromising as he ever was.

Dave turned 33 in early March. He knows he will never be the most skilled player on the park, but when it comes to test ditch defending he is as good — if not better — than he ever was.

SYDNEY CITY coach EDDIE THOMSON had better not be the supercilious type.

Eddie was sent hopping into his car at St George Stadium last Friday night, nothing unusual about that you might ask.

Well, the number plate of the car just happens to start off with NIL — not a good omen for a coach.

"It is not a sign of things to come," Thomson said.

He need not have worried. City beat Sydney Olympic 2-0 on Sunday.

A special sports Fellowship for Queenslanders will be a legacy from Brisbane's bid to the 1992 Olympic Games.

The Lord Mayor of Brisbane and leader of the city's Olympic bid, Alderman Sallyanne Adamson, has announced a surplus of more than \$40,000 has been raised to mount the bid. She said it was fitting that the money be returned to sport.

"The success of the bid is a financial event that alone indicates its degree of professionalism," she said.

Brisbane presented a bid which was highly regarded throughout the world's Olympic circles, and although the Australian dollar fluctuated wildly and generally downwards during the period of the bid, we achieved our objectives within budget.

Alderman Adamson said details of the Fellowship were yet to be finalised, and representatives of the bid's major corporate sponsors and from each of the 21 Olympic sports had been invited to assist.

Under the proposal, the Fellowship will be awarded annually to a person involved in an Olympic sport.

The funds will be administered by appointed trustees.

Brisbane was one of six cities to bid for the 1992 Summer Olympic Games.

TERRY HENNESSY, the Melbourne Croatia coach, is under no illusions over what it will take to keep the club moving forward this year. Youngsters like Tony Lempiere, the former Canberra youngster, he says will have to work hard and in the right direction to make it.

A Welsh international who turned out 28 times for his country, Hennessey played a total of 152 English First Division games with Birmingham City, Nottingham Forest and Derby County.



FLASHBACK APIA-ST GEORGE MEET

THE packed old Lambert Park stand is in the background as the battle is played out on the field. Closest to the ball in APIA right-back George Keith. Once an Arsenal starter, Keith learned with Stan Ackerley in what was a formidable defensive partnership. No quarter was given to the enemy, and in addition the pair starred for Australia.

In a typical pose is another famous Soccerroo in Adrian Alston, who turned out in England for Luton Town and Cardiff City as well as in the North American Soccer League with Tampa Bay Rowdies. With eyes glued to the ball is former APIA defender John Russell.

EXPERIENCED Wellington blazer George Keith thought his luck had changed when he declared himself fit for selection when his club played Sutherland at Sydney Show Park.

Todorovski joined the club last season but was dogged with injuries and this year had a leg injury before being hit by a bout of bronchitis.

Before the Sutherland match he had trained well and coach John Free decided to give him a run in the reserve team.

The day before the game, Todorovski was again in the wars, having thumped a jackhammer down on a big top while working at Transfield.

Maybe next week, and, George...

THE ASF says that finalising plans for the preparation of the National teams — Australia, the Under 20 and Under 18 teams — was made easy because the respective coaches were available in view of the funds available for the job. Hats off then to Frank Ark, Eric Scherling and Vic Dalglish respectively.

On recent form Sydney fans were wondering why GRAHAM ARNOLD was not moving up from mid-field and getting in close to goal. "Army" has been carrying a leg injury — not enough to keep him from playing, but sufficient to prevent him from running as much as usual.

National coach FRANK ARK won't be making many changes to the present squad. Frank says that the lot's much talent that he has missed, and with an average age of 23½ years he has plenty of developing talent. His next move, when it comes, will be to put the rule over some of the most promising players from the present Youth team.



George Todorovski with last year's Rockdale Linden.

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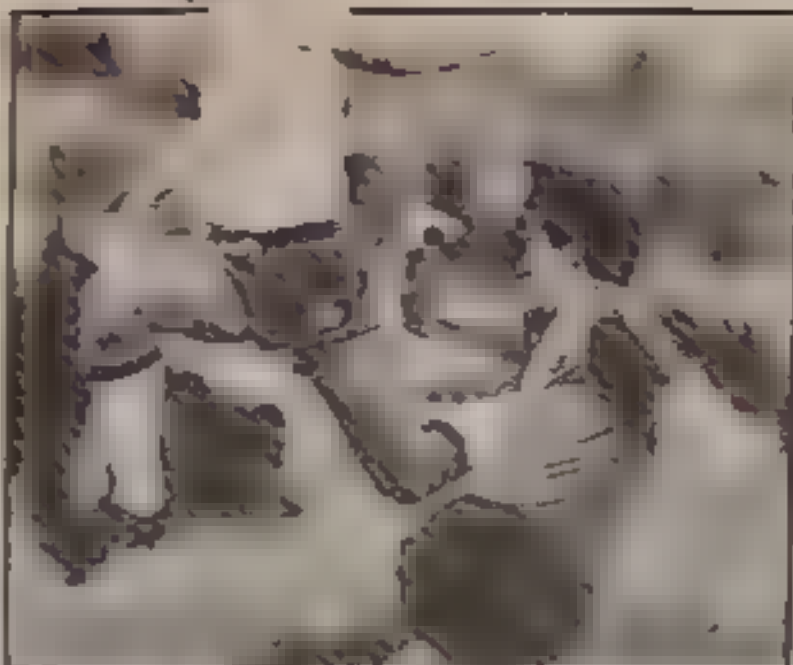
WE sympathise with the family of referee BOB GRIFFITHS who was sadly caught in a rip near Foster and was drowned.

Former National team striker PETER OLLERTON has handled NSL coaching successfully for a long time with Preston. He is now Terry Hennessy's assistant at Melbourne Croatia. But at 35 the urge to play is still there. He turns out with Angus Glen's **WARRIORS** opportunity series. Last year he kicked 14 in 36 games with Fernvale Gully.

GRAHAM JENNINGS has rejected the idea of playing a moving role with Sydney Croatia rather than being someone on the bench. When Graham goes up it is usually Mark Jones who covers.

As long as I'm on the left side I'm happy, says Graham. He started out as a left winger and was converted to a defender by Jimmy Duxbury when he was at Sydney Olympic.

Graham Jennings



WHA gold mining. The media boys in the media box at the match at St George were not happy.

Only minutes after the match when the media boys opened the press box door to get down to the stadium.

The media boys were safely moved away in the press box from the match at the stadium.

At the match at the St George stadium the media boys could not get to the press box because of the rain.

Eventually they had to leave the stadium and go across the field to the parking area to get to the car.



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THINGS did not quite work out as planned during the match at St George. The media boys in the press box could not get to the press box because of the rain.

During the half time break with the goal boys leading 1-0 it was decided if they scored another goal they would all take off their jerseys and wave them over their heads as a Chris Kalamita to celebrate.

ROGER DEWICK, one time Sunderland official and long time member of NSW Soccer Federation and NSL committee is now in Queensland. Roger is running a convenience store near the beach at Manly.

The boys were so happy when he scored that they all forgot the plan that is all except goal keeper ANDY PASCHALOS.

Andy obliged by running to the half way leaving his jersey over his head. Needless to say he got some strange looks.

THE only hope for the Federation was that the boys in the press box could get to the press box because of the rain.

All the half time things which were made of plastic were made of plastic.

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Peter Ollerton

WOLLONGONG City coach John Fleming is back in action as a player but not with the Wolves.

Fleming has been ruled out of retirement to play with Illawarra Premier League club Aris who are currently on a re-building campaign.

They are coached this year by Alec Fleming (no relation) and spending plenty of money to get a reasonable side on the field.

John Fleming's last outing as a player was

when he took the field when the Wolves were hit hard by injuries in the home game against Newcastle last season.

The only Saturday he won't be available to play with Aris is when the Wolves travel to Newcastle in August.

If Aris are doing well enough to warrant match of the day on a Sunday that would also mean they won't have Fleming in their line-up.

AST Andy ASG ex-shuffle shooter Brian Emery was the guest speaker at the Fremantle Sports Club's 10th Anniversary of the Year Award. Emery is one of the big names for Fremantle's football history.

With ZARK KOTAKOV at a soccer game against the Wolves, the Wolves were not happy about the rain.

MELBOURNE CROATIA defender George Hannah, 25, has been in Australia for six years, five of which he has been with his present club.

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OLYMPIC LOSE SOPER FOR VITAL GAME

MARSHALL SOPER will miss next Sunday's clash against league heavyweights, Sydney Croatia as Soper was rushed to hospital from the St George Stadium last Sunday afternoon after suffering a badly dislocated knee in the match against Sydney City.

By JOHN ECONOMOS

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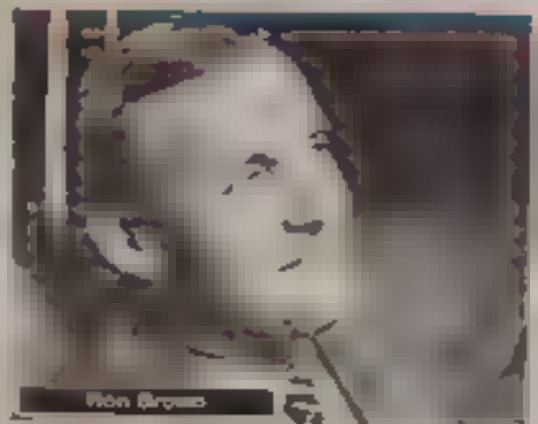
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MARSHALL SOPER

SBS-TV DOES IT AGAIN



Ron Brown

SOCCER's best friend, SBS-TV did it again last Sunday night when they arranged a live telecast between Italian first division giants Napoli and Juventus from Naples' San Paolo Stadium.

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APIA PLANNING A BIG DAY FOR SUNDAY'S MATCH AGAINST THE VISITING ADELAIDE CITY AT LAMBERT PARK

APIA is planning a big day for Sunday's match against the visiting Adelaide City at Lambert Park.

The match promises to be a big day for APIA, with a number of key players expected to return from injury.

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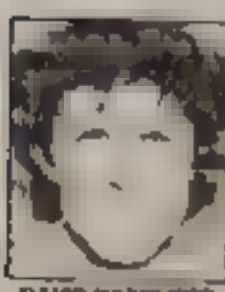
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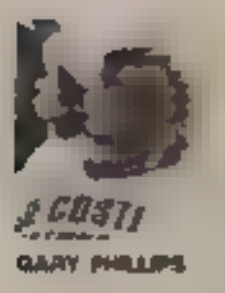
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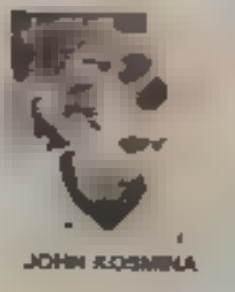
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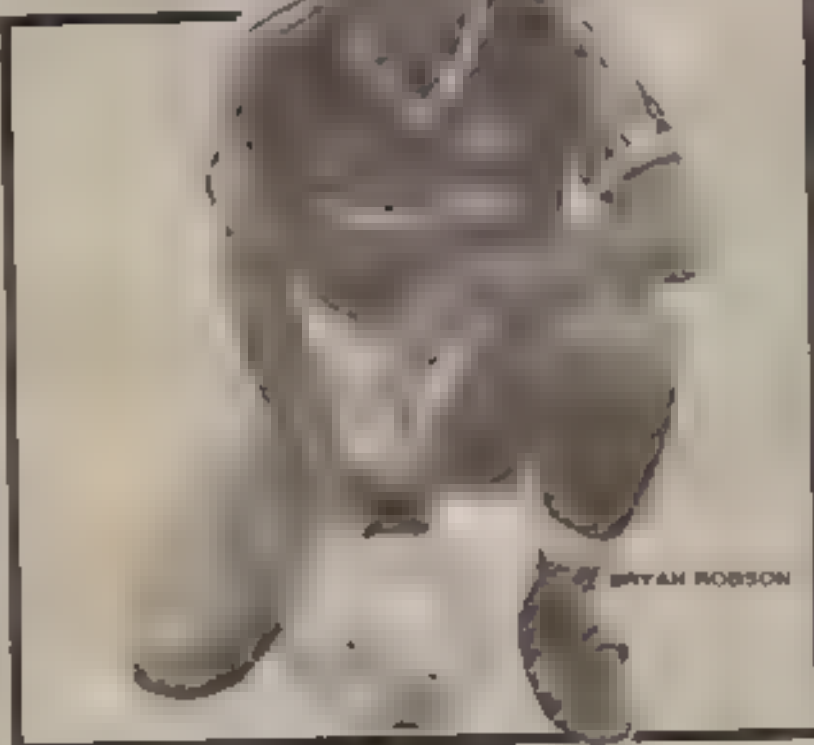


Man United, Forest and Celtic...

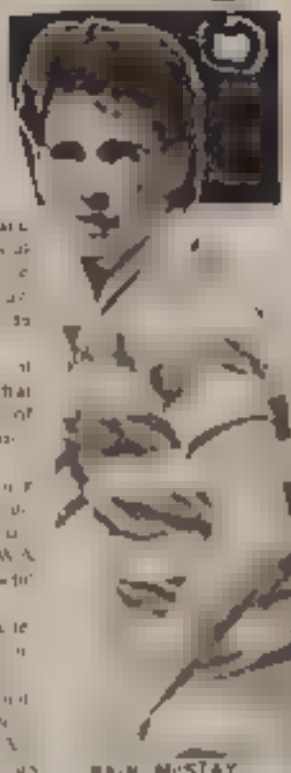
WILL FANS BE LOYAL IN BIG MAY-JUNE INTERNATIONALS?

ADELAIDE and Perth are heading for Soccer success or financial flops after deciding to go ahead with the Westay International series, despite the dropping of the Socceroos from the May-June tournament.

BY TOM McKAIN



BRYAN ROBSON



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Other States

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SUCCESSIVE NIGHTS IN ADELAIDE

HOW keen are Celtic, Manchester United and Nottingham Forest fans?

Adelaide will find out when tickets for the first of the international series go on sale this week.

The tickets are not cheap at \$19 for the stand, \$16 for the enclosure and \$12 in the outer, with children and seniors \$6.50 on the outer.

It will be a test for Celtic supporters who are being asked to watch their team on two successive nights against Forest on Friday May 29 and United the following night.

Too Expensive

Will fans be willing to pay that much for a game? The tickets are not cheap at \$19 for the stand, \$16 for the enclosure and \$12 in the outer, with children and seniors \$6.50 on the outer.

HELLAS STRIVE

Adelaide Hellas, relegated from the NSL, is determined to bounce back in a season.

They got off to a good start with a 2-0 win in the opening round of the SA State League season, but this was not good enough.

Go on a truncated Passgate 3?

Hellas are now wondering if their opening round could sink it at the end of the year.

It would be a tragedy for them if they were pipped on goal difference.

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GREG RUSSELL brings you the latest news and views from the scene up north.

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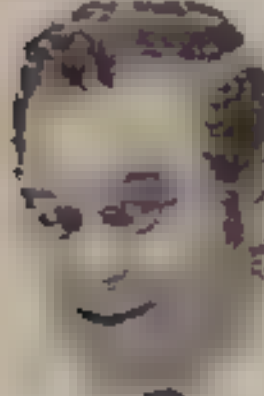
QSF NOT DAUNTED

QUEENSLAND secretary Alan Vesséy yesterday said that his Federation was not unduly concerned over assessment of the Second Test against Fiji at Perry Park last Wednesday night.

We had no trouble in Fiji when we played them over there in 1985 he stated.

There was some concern when New Zealand went there, but our eyes are now on the big tournament in Auckland in May.

Everton will be there, and we will be playing in the Auckland



ALAN VESSÉY

land #A 100th Anniversary game against Tahiti, New Caledonia and Auckland.

But Perry Park was full of action in the 'Second Test'.

Referee BO Monteverde abandoned the game after consulting linesman Alan Kubler.

He showed the red card to Fijian Eoeli Rokokoqica, who allegedly slapped Kubler as he left the field.

Just before this incident Monteverde had dismissed Queensland's Marty Kirsopp, and Fijian Lote Dela.

It is also understood that the referee will accuse Fijian coach Billy Singh of elbowing Kibbler.

The score was 1-1 when Monteverde called the game off.

QUEENSLAND confirmed its position as one of the best provincial sides in the South Pacific with a stunning 3-1 win over the Fiji National team in their opening series clash at Perry Park last night.

The Maroons were always the favourites and by those goals they lost none.

And the stars of the Queensland team were the only two players on the side not from former National League clubs Brisbane City and Ipswich.

Mark Brown scored the only goal while Martin Kirsopp hit the other from the penalty spot and finished the game in style with the quick.

It was a magnificent result to the Queenslanders who were set for the first of two tests in the former Maroons' stadium. The match was the first full Queensland appearance.

The Queensland side was a mix of players from the Maroons and the Queenslanders who took the match and put away the Fiji.

The first half was a goal and a half. Queensland were in control and by the end of the first half they were 1-0 up.

Kirsopp Strong Although the goal was on the park by a

long, only Kirsopp showed he could not only match it with the big Fijians but also enough on the wing to take and get his pass away.

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"KEEP AWAY FROM IVOREVANS"

AUSTRALIAN clubs have been warned to keep away from brilliant Fijian striker Ivore Evans, who toured Queensland with the country's National team last week.



IVORE EVANS

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RUSSELL STEWART a challenge?

DEAN INELLIGIBLE TO PLAY FOR FIJI

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ILLAWARRA SHOULD HAVE AVOIDED

THE Illawarra Soccer Association didn't give Wollongong City any charity when they went ahead with their annual Charity Shield match the day the Wolves played lockdown at Wollongong Showground.

It was a cruel twist of fate for the Illawarra Wolves when they were scheduled to play the Wollongong City team at the Wollongong Showground on Saturday night. The match was part of the annual Charity Shield, a game that has been a tradition for many years. However, due to the circumstances, the match was postponed, and the Wolves were left with a difficult situation. The Illawarra Soccer Association, who were responsible for the match, did not offer any special considerations to the Wollongong City team, who were already facing their own challenges. This decision was met with criticism from some fans and players, who felt that the Wolves should have been given more support in such a difficult time.

BY PHIL MURPHY

Eddie Pena back

Fairy Meadow Bulls have signed Eddie Pena who helped Canterbury win promotion for the NSL two years ago.

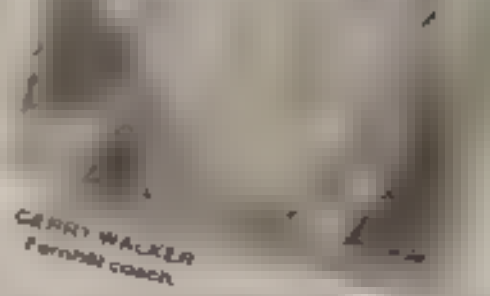
At Fairy Meadow Bulls, Eddie Pena has been a key player. He has been instrumental in the team's success, particularly in their recent promotion to the NSL. His experience and skill on the field have been a great asset to the team. The signing of Eddie Pena is a significant move for the Bulls, as it adds a player of proven ability to their squad. Fans are optimistic that this signing will further strengthen the team and lead to more success in the coming season.

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GARRY WALKER Fernhill coach

Trophy Disappears

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The Rocky Round-Up

BY FRANK COLETTA

COMPLETED earlier this year at the Rockhampton Grammar School was a week-long Soccer camp.

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FRENCHVILLE Youth team coach Bevan Dingley says that despite early defeats his charges are headed for a big and exciting year.

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NORBRIDGE PARK READY

NORBRIDGE Park, which some claim to be the home of Rockhampton junior Soccer reverberated to the sound of nearly a thousand juniors on the weekend.

The match was a tough one, with both teams showing great skill and determination. The Wolves, who were the home team, put up a strong fight, but ultimately fell short. The Wollongong City team, who were the away team, showed great resilience and came out on top. The match was a testament to the quality of the game and the passion of the players. Despite the loss, the Wolves' fans were proud of their team's performance and look forward to seeing them back in action soon.

NEWCASTLE PLAYERS RECOVERY POSSIBLE

THERE is no doubt that the Newcastle squad needs reinforcements if it is to do better than mid-table along in the NSW State Bank League.

The Newcastle squad has been struggling in the NSW State Bank League. They have not been able to score many goals and have lost several matches. The fans are disappointed with the team's performance and are calling for reinforcements. The coaches are also looking for ways to improve the team's performance. They are considering signing new players and improving the team's tactics. The Newcastle fans are hopeful that the team will turn things around and become a top team in the league.



BOY MOUNTFORD
THIS FORMER ENGLISH PROFESSIONAL IS CURRENTLY A TRAINING-CAMP IN NEWCASTLE

AFFILIATION PROBLEMS

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TONY BRENNAN WITH CCAE

A year ago newly-promoted Canberra College of Advanced Education set out to prove it would not be the easybuck of the ACT Soccer first division.

A popular fourth in the league had been a plan, but the College Cup Mission accomplished.

Now it faces another task — the winning the promotion to the first division. The goal is to put into the college and at the top of the game.

And it will be serious. As it is, and the biggest signing in the club is a former Canberra City player.

Enders, who is the club's manager, says the club is not just a team, but a club.

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BY GRAHAM COOKS

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AUGUSTO PALACIOS happy with imports.



TONY BRENNAN

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GONZALES AND SUAREZ SETTLE DOWN AFTER BOMB SCARE

IF Shiro Gonzales and Alexis Suarez are as skilful at dodging opponents on the Soccer field as they have had to be in getting to Australia in the first place, they will be a major asset to Canberra City Griffins this season.

The pair of Peruvian B internationals finally arrived in Canberra recently — a day late after surmounting the last difficulty — a bomb scare which deters their flight and cost them a connection in Los Angeles.

They had spent the last few days before this packed had ready to leave at a moment's notice

while last-minute complications with passports, visas and playing clearances were sorted out.

On top of that they were under pressure from their Peruvian club, Santa Maria Norte, of Callao, to turn out in the end of season play-offs for promotion to the first division — they didn't for fear of injury and the team was announced.

Griffins player-coach Augusto Palacios, who recommended them to the club, wasted no time in putting the players through their paces.

Gonzales, 23, a striker or midfielder, played half a season for the Griffins in their 1-1 draw with Melita Eagles just three days after he reached Australia.

AS LOOK THE PART IN CANBERRA GAMES

AUSTRALIAN Institute of Sport head coach Ron Smith has pronounced himself satisfied with his team's first venture into senior Soccer in Canberra.

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CAPITAL COVER



GRAHAM COOKS REPORTS FROM THE ACT

LIONS ARE STILL ROARING

BRISBANE Lions may be out of the National League but they certainly aren't remaining idle. The club, which has always been one of the most financial in Queensland, has remodelled more than \$30,000 into upgrading the 4000-seat Rylands Stadium.

WHITE EAGLE EARN RISE

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Improvements include garden beds, sleeper walls and more than 1000 square metres of paving. The pavers cover the set park and the new steel brooches and add the field on the sides.

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BRUSASCO SENIOR

QUEENSLAND Queenslanders Company, which has been a member of the ACT Soccer League, has been promoted to the first division of the ACT Soccer League.

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MARK BRUSASCO SENIOR

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SOME STIRRING IN THE WEST

FROM NOW ON

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С. С. Давыдов

FIJI AND NEW ZEALAND ON THE SCHOOLS MENU

THE 1987 year started well for Schools Soccer with the successful tour of New Zealand by the Australian Schoolboys side and ambitious plans are already underway for the next 18 months.

The National Schools Soccer competition in Perth has been a success story for the past few years.



BY CHRIS JAMES

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CONNELL BYRNE IS BACK TO WHERE HE LIKES IT BEST

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BY BILL TURNER

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OAK TURNER CUP

RECORD TOPPLES ON SOUTH COAST

ONCE again under the leadership of Garry Kemp there is

BY BILL TURNER



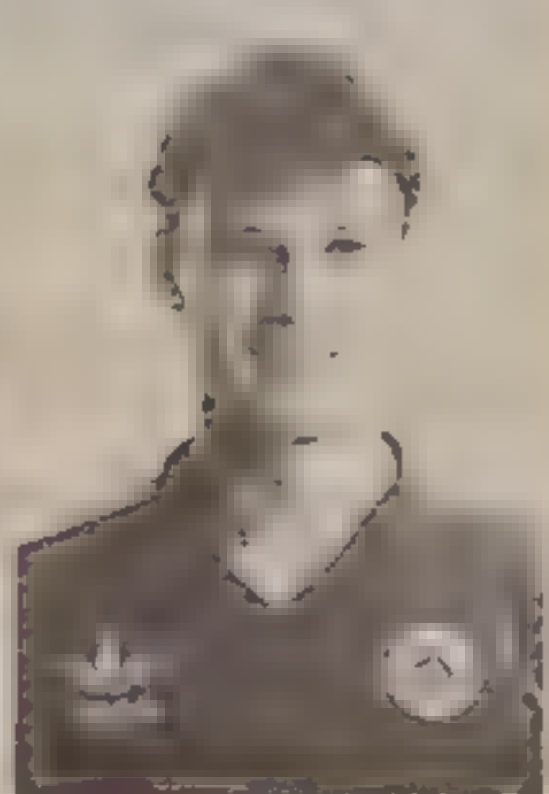
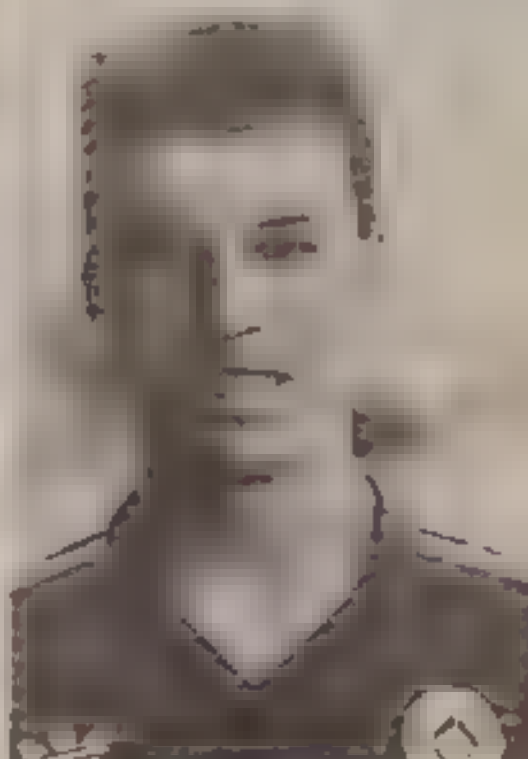
Bill Turner making a presentation

new record entry of schools in the Bill Turner Cup for 1987.

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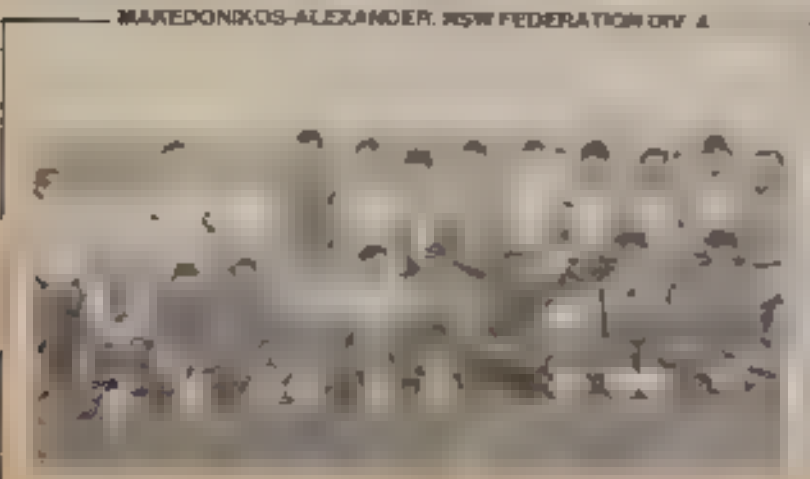


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WOMEN'S SOCCER SCENE



AUSTRALIA is in danger of going into its first women's World Soccer Cup campaign with hardly any knowledge of the opposition, national Coach Fred Robins warned.

"While we are strong in our own Oceania region, I really have no idea how we rate against the top European sides," he said during an Australian Institute of Sport training camp for the national squad. "I have never seen one in action."

"It seems that the only way we will get that

BY GRAHAM COOKE



JULIE MURRAY — ACT's international

knowledge is to start overseas. I would like Australia to accept an invitation to attend a four-nation tournament in England in July."

Other options for a women's international tournament in Taiwan later in the year, or the possibility of a pre-world cup competition in Hong Kong. In the longer term, a tour of India is being considered for 1988.

An additional complication is the World Cup itself. While FIFA, the international football federation, has committed itself in principle to a competition, the date has been repeatedly put back — originally this year, then next, now "sooner".

When it does eventually arrive will almost certainly be by invitation, which means that Australia must continue to put itself forward for international competition in order to be considered.

Traumatic

Robins said the squad has not completely recovered from the trauma of 12 months ago when five NSW members withdrew on the eve of the Oceania Cup tournament in New Zealand.

The five were subsequently suspended from international competition.

"Losing the good players is not as serious a blow," he said. "But we have brought in some youngsters who are gradually replacing the damage."

His Australian team did what was expected of them with a 2-0 win over an Invitation XI at Bruce Stadium at the end of the camp.

A practice first half gave the Invitation side, which included ACT players Linda Fisher and Katrina Alexander, some hope, but the Australian pressure was converted into goals soon after the interval.

With just two minutes

gone a second from the right field, Mary Budd who scored her marker before leaving the field along the ground and out of reach of goalkeeper Kate O'Sullivan.

Six minutes later a long pass from Sharon Mason put Sandra Raine in net with more to come.

The big Northern NSW striker showed just why she is Australia's leading scorer by taking the ball on and clearing her shot before blasting it



SUE BUSWELL

into the top corner of the net from 20 metres.

The Invitation's XI's best chance came shortly afterwards when a free kick from Sharon Mason floundered against the crossbar with fullback Sue Buswell happy to kick the loose ball away for a corner.

The ACT's only Australian representative, Julie Murray, had a lively game up front and came close to what would have been a popular home team goal when she shot over in the closing minutes.



FRED ROBINS — head coach

This address is Velyar Tachev, Chata 32, 1504 Sofia, Bulgaria.

I have received a letter (sent only enclosed) from a Bulgarian friend asking if I could put the name and address of his son-in-law in a Soccer magazine, with the purpose of him being able to exchange badges.

Could you help me with this request?

Thanking you for any trouble this may cause.

Dr S.M. Wilson
34 Jacka Cres,
Campbell ACT 2901

JUNIOR EXCELLENCE

I read with interest Mr Alan West's recent article on "Centres of Excellence" in the Australian Soccer Weekly.

I have at 11 years old so far, without my schooling, has proven myself to be one of the Newcastle district's most promising young players.

Craig is currently vice-captain of the Newcastle representative team.

Please advise me of what local Newcastle arrangements will be made to facilitate "Centres of Excellence" and Craig's eligibility for attendance.

M.O. SPARROW

Medowie 2201

(Your letter has been referred on to Mr West at Parklea. He will no doubt co-operate as necessary with Mr Ken Harper — Ed.)

ANY TAKERS?

I have applied for an emigration visa to Australia from your Embassy here in Dublin. It will take a while for it to be processed so I'm availing of the opportunity to write to a number of newspapers in Australia to see if there are vacancies for either a sub-editor or sports journalist.

I have been involved in journalism for the past eleven years, covering both news and sports. During that time I have also done sub-editing and layout. I was wondering if there were such vacancies in your paper. I have also completed a course in Journalism.

Over the years I have been very actively involved in sports playing Soccer, Gaelic football, athletics, swimming, golf, squash, racquetball, tennis, table tennis and basketball.

If I'm successful in my application for emigration it will be towards the end of the year before I will be allowed to go.

DATE OF BIRTH: Nov. 27, 1956. HEIGHT: 6'3". WEIGHT: 13 stone.

STATUS: Single.

EDUCATION: St. John Bosco National School, from 1960 to 1970. Franciscan College, Glenageary, Co. Meath, from 1969 to 73. There I took my Intermediate and Leaving Certificate. I also did a year in the College of Journalism, Dublin. WORK: The Lynette Express, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, from 1975 to 81. I graduated as a senior reporter with the paper and learned sub-editing and lay-out there as well.

The Anglo Celtic Church, Street, Cavan, Co. Cavan, 1982 to date. Here I have been co-operating on sports reporting and sub-editing.

Michael G. Cryan
349 Nanan Rd,
Dublin 7, Ireland.



whatsoever. I don't care if he is an Aussie, a portmanteau or a chaffinch (whatever that is), but I do know that after reading his experience history on page 17 of this week's ASW this fellow has all the qualifications in the world to be head coach at Canberra.

Maybe D. Dumas will have second thoughts. My advice to him would be, forget your hatred for puns.

This great game will never prosper with that kind of garbage. Put soccer first. There is enough trouble and hatred in the world today.

I must add what a difference to read Adrian Astor's professional and unbiased and fair to both Johnny's and Ron's

qualifications. No sign of racist or portmanteau bashing here from a man who knows the score himself, having done it all himself.

So all I can say now to Ron Smith is "good luck, you got the job on your practical merits".

"Come on Aussie. Come on."

John Best,
Bass Hill, 2197.

EXCHANGE BADGES

DO you have the possibility to send the address of my son-in-law to a suitable Soccer magazine, because he is collecting badges and would like to exchange football badges.

NATIONAL PLAYER PROFILES



NAME: Joanne Milman
STATE ASSOC.: Sm. Gid
NUMBER OF INTERNATIONALS: 5
D.O.B.: 15.8.61
PLACE OF BIRTH: BRISBANE
HEIGHT: 162cm
OCCUPATION: Clerk
PLAYING POSITION: Defender
SOCCER HONOURS: Gid rep. since 1976; Aust. rep. since 1983
SOCCER HIGHLIGHTS: scoring H.Z. in 1986
MOST ADMIRER PLAYERS: Ross van Brunsen and Bryan Robson
MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON ON SOCCER CAREER: Fred Robins
FAVOURITE FOOD: Fruit
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Disco/rock
OTHER SPORTS INTERESTS AND HONOURS: Golf and tennis
Named player of tournament in the Oceania Cup for Australia



NAME: Renaye Isenst
STATE ASSOC.: NSW
NUMBER OF INTERNATIONALS: 5
D.O.B.: 1.2.48
PLACE OF BIRTH: Newcastle
HEIGHT: 178cm
OCCUPATION: Clerk
PLAYING POSITION: Striker
SOCCER HONOURS: NSW rep. since 1977; Aust. rep. since 1980
SOCCER HIGHLIGHTS: Being selected to play for Australia in 1980
MOST ADMIRER PLAYERS: Sue Minnith
MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON ON SOCCER CAREER: Parents and Lionel Smyth
FAVOURITE FOOD: Anything
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Anything
OTHER SPORTS INTERESTS AND HONOURS: Cycling rep. in touch and stick
Represented her State since 1977 and played for her district for over 10 years

WOMEN'S LEADING SCORERS GOALS SCORING IN INTERNATIONAL GAMES

Renaye ISEREP	12	
Sandra BRENNALL	9	Hot shot in N.Z. 2nd Test, 1983
Sue MONTEATH	7	
Julie PORTER	3	
Leigh WARDLE	6	
Cindy HEYDON	5	
Julie DOLAN	5	
Judy PETTIT	4	All played in Thailand, 1979
Sharon MATELJAN	3	
Gail LEMBRICK	3	
Sharon WASS	2	
Leanne PRESTLEY	2	
Kerry MILLMAN	2	
Ross VAN BRUNSEN	2	
Diana HALL	1	
Leah WRIGHT	1	
Tarey SINGLETON	1	
Helen WATTS	1	
Anne MARTIN	1	
Margaret PETROV	1	



LIVERPOOL GO FOR BARNES

ENGLISH First Division reigning and likely champions Liverpool are not resting on the laurels of a long and arduous season — they've just taken the first steps towards signing international forward JOHN BARNES from Walford.

A fee believed to be \$2,140,000 has been agreed on for the Jamaican-born, 23-year-old.

Barnes was transfer listed last week but it seems for a more definite on playing in the north west coast rather than in England.

Liverpool's player-manager Kenny Dalglish has had talks with the talented forward but he will definitely see the season out with Graham Taylor's club.

Taylor says, "I'm not telling him to run to Liverpool. He has an offer from Walford, he's aware of Liverpool's interest and he's decided to sit at the end of the season, so I think he'll be waiting to see what options he has available then."

"What he's doing is quite sensible, as he's hoping a continental club will come in for him."

"He likes to think he could play abroad, but he can't until a club comes in for him."

But Barnes is being sought by Fiorentina. The big spending Italian are ready to splash out on the Victorian World winger.

Fiorentina's player-manager FERRUCCIO BRACCA has already wanted Walford's TONY COTTRELL as the partner for Argentine and RAMON DIAZ. But Barnes is now top of his wanted list as COTTRELL is being chased by INTER MIAN with the imminent departure of West German international KARL HEINZ KUMME-NIGGE.

Fiorentina's TREVOR STOVEN has also been wanted by Fiorentina, but now it's Barnes who is their number one target, closely followed by the PSV Eindhoven striker, ECKHOF.

LARRY IS NO DILL!

FORMER North American Soccer League midfielder LARRY DILL has settled down in New Zealand after doing the rounds of the world in soccer.

A few years ago the schemer from the Nelson club in New Zealand was waiting for a deal with English club Tottenham United but was then offered a two-year contract at the NASL with the Edmonton Oilers.

Knowing this was a sure thing, Dill went for it.

It is how Dill ended up at Nelson from Sudbury. He was once again waiting for an offer, with Sudbury City as a matter of fact, when he met up with fellow Kiwi New Zealand who had just finished a season with Nelson.

"Ron mentioned Barry Stammers was coaching at Nelson which interested me because Barry and I were at Fulham together."

"I contacted Barry and he offered me a game. I took up the offer. I went for the sure thing."

Dill spent time at Fulham as an 18-year-

THE WALSH CAREER AT FLASHPOINT!

PAUL WALSH is nearer than ever to departing the scene at Liverpool.

Goal-starved Walsh is on the verge of taking on a transfer as his day rages at the reports that the Anfield club are searching for another couple of strikers.

He has said: "The situation is not tolerable. I'm fed up. I'm feeling the forgotten man."

It must be remembered that earlier in the season Walsh asked to be put on the transfer list but decided a couple of months later to come off it after an extended

run in the first team. But now the goals, which hadn't exactly been flowing previously, have dried up and the lone striker is buckling under the pressure.

Walsh has scored only once in three months, and although his team contribution is good, his lack of goals must make him surplus to the chairman's ground.

Already John Aldridge has signed for Liverpool and John Barnes, Mark Hateley, Mark Hughes and Peter

Beardsley are possible moves.

For Liverpool may well buy two more strikers in addition to paying \$1.6 million for Aldridge to Oxford.

There seems every chance that he may return south, but interested clubs are waiting for the outcome of a court case involving Walsh.

Until the case is heard, there is unlikely to be any transfer move-

ment. Walsh has never been a big hit on Merseyside. Despite his neat touches and fancy tricks, he hasn't set Anfield alight with goals.

He did have a spell last season when he was scoring freely and pushing for an England recall.

But then he was hit by a major ankle injury which lasted into the start of this campaign.

Shortly after his ankle check he struck a hat-trick in the 4-2 demolition of Norwich on November 2.

Walsh then failed to score in 12 games. And Liverpool struggled through a bleak midwinter, with just three goals from six matches.

So time is running out for him to prove himself to player-manager Kenny Dalglish that he is worth his place in the team.



PAUL WALSH beats Manchester City's Kerry Clements to the ball.

UPDATE

Italy's top 4 are making the post-war record of the Italian First Division, yesterday when they overcame champions Juventus 2-1 at the San Paolo.

The home side took a 1-0 lead after Alessandro Mendini drove a freekick through the keeper and keeper Stefano Rossini took 25 metres.

Juventus produced a spirited fightback in the second stanza though goal was pushed forward by the arrival of Lucio Marzulli.

The equaliser came when Mendini scored

beautifully on the edge of the area to send them equal on 2-1. The home side was not to be wrong again. Mendini and Rossini scored goals.

But the victory had to be shared by the visitors. The home side had the ball more when Fiorentina's Rossini took a freekick through the keeper and keeper Stefano Rossini took 25 metres.

Napoli now seems assured of their first ever championship after their

60 years of trying. They closed rank — All Rome were beaten 2-1 by Udinese in Udine after the visitors had gone ahead through Alessandro Mendini.

Meanwhile the real bad news for Juventus is that Antonio Calisto will miss the rest of the season with a knee injury and that there is a heartbreak over 20 goals that Juventus had. Juventus and Milan might be on their way out.

STURROCK STRIKES

JUST last week ASW reported on PAUL STURROCK's heartache at being dumped from the Scottish national team squad ... well how times change!

After two starting legs for United in the UEFA Cup, Sturrock is suddenly back in the hunt for a Scotland recall.

Going into the first match the hard-running forward was on the decidedly shaky ground even at his own club, but

following the 3-0 win over Black in Dundee he was the best of the team with a brace of a display out on the park.

To destroy the renowned defence of the Spanish giants was a quite an accomplishment in itself, but to do it again in Spain a fortnight later was remarkable.

Yes, Sturrock was once again the architect laying the foundation for a brilliant 2-0 win in the stadium known as the New Camp Stadium, as Dundee United continued a spot in the semi-finals.

ROBSON PICKS SAME SQUAD

BOBBY ROBSON has made no changes to the England squad for tomorrow night's European Championship qualifier against Northern Ireland in Belfast.

Only injuries would have forced changes from the squad that defeated Spain 4-0 in a friendly earlier this month.

England lead Group 4 with maximum points from two games while the Irish have a solitary point from two matches.

Despite the return from injury of regular central defender Mark Wright, young Arsenal star Tony Adams takes his spot following a highly successful debut against Spain.

Meanwhile Billy Bremner continues to defy plans to bring back for

mer skipper Sammy McIlroy and the Northern Ireland team despite the disappointing loss of two new boys.

McIlroy has been playing in the Swedish First Division since the start of the year on loan from Manchester City and there are several clubs in the English League looking to sign him on a free transfer from Molineux Road.

The lineups are: ENGLAND: Goalkeepers — Bill Lee, Peter Seaman, Johnstone; Defenders — Adams, Wright, Brown, Bremner, Williams; Strikers — Wright, Adams, Brown, Williams, Wright, Brown, Williams, Wright, Brown, Williams.

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NEWCASTLE UNITED are chasing Rangers and Scotland striker **ALLY McCOIST**, who will cost them around £800,000.

Ally, Scotland's top striker, had a previous spell on Tyneside with Sunderland, who bought him from SLohrstedt.

Sunderland said McCoist because they needed a vital cash injection at the time.

Five months later the then Roker Park boss **ALAN DUBBIE** tried to buy Ally back, but was turned down flat by **JOCK WALLACE**.

Ally enjoyed his stay in the North-East and despite the Rangers boom this season wouldn't mind having another crack at English defences.



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THE OLYMPIC STADIUM in Rome is to undergo major refurbishment after being closed as the venue for the 1990 World Cup Final.

MANCHESTER United boss **ALEX FERGUSON** has been told by his City Trafford board to open negotiations for **MAFEL HUGHES**, the star they sold to Barcelona for more than \$4 million.

Hughes, a defender, was sent home to England for a week by the Spanish club's management.

He has been having a bad time and, whenever he plays in Spain, he is greeted with white handkerchiefs on the terraces — the greatest insult on the Iberian peninsula.

He's having awful trouble with the language and unlike Gary Lineker, whose lovely wife Michelle makes sure he goes to his Spanish classes three times a week, Hughes admits he's a lovely man.

But surely the sunshine and \$4,000 a week at Getafe is better than rain-soaked Manchester and the beaches of the British Isles? Well, Hughes says he's a lovely man.

THE members of former FIFA medical committee chairman **MORAZ ANDREJEVIC** have received widespread publicity in Italy.

The 60-year-old says in his autobiography that some members of the 1966 North Korean World Cup side that sensationally beat Italy in England failed a dope test.

But he did not know what to do about it so he kept quiet.

The former drug, he says, was Gansang? But it is doubtful that the revelation will shake the memory of the return to Rome for the Italian team.

They tried to avoid the crowd by flying back in to Fiumicino at 3am only to find a huge throng who proceeded to pelt their fallen heroes with a now or ending barrage of over-the-top remarks.

FORMER Spurs boss **KEITH BURKINSHAW** has walked into a nasty squabble involving his new club Sporting Lisbon of Portugal and the brilliant Mexican **MANUEL NEGRETTE**.

Negrete, one of the stars of the 1986 World Cup, has been out of the side for 10 weeks and has been at odds with the Sporting chairman over his off-the-field behaviour.

Says the Tottenham man: "He'll go when it suits him. At the moment it suits me to make him stay."

CHelsea have paid Newport \$150,000 for keeper **ROGER FREESTONE**, the talented youngster who was also being wooed by Spurs.

He has played only 13 League games and the fee will rise to \$120,000 if he makes the grade at Stamford Bridge.

Queens Park Rangers are said to be ready to sign him.

George Best is to have a testimonial in Belfast during September when an international 10 takes on a Great Britain side.

Let's hope George actually turns up for this one.

ARGENTINE World Cup hero **JORGE VALDANO**'s misery at missing the rest of the season with Real Madrid with hepatitis has been eased by the offer of a new one-year contract from one of the world's best clubs.

But it means that Real will be without his services for the rest of their European Cup campaign.

VFB Stuttgart goalkeeper **ERIK IMMER** took the place of the suspended **HAROLD SCHUMACHER** for the friendly played against Luton last week.

Schumacher has been asked over those now infamous drug claims in his new book and his long-term deputy **ULLI STEIN** must be kicking himself.

Ull gave himself the red card also, when in Mexico he called national manager **FRANZ BECKENBAUER** "Humpty Dumpty" and the rest of the squad, which made the final "A bunch of cucumbers."

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VERONA have signed West German international **THOMAS BERTHOLD** for close to \$2 million from David Mitchell's club Eintracht Frankfurt.

The brilliant and powerful Berthold has been bought as a mid-field replacement for Hans-Peter Briegel, who is now with Sampdoria.

CHelsea's highly over-rated defender **DICKY DOUGIE** has refused to join Wigan Athletic on loan whilst Northern Ireland international **STEVE MENNEY** will not play again for his country of Brighton and Hove Albion because of a broken ankle.

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RATHER than move on to another club, **KARL-HEINZ RUMMENIGGE** is contemplating retirement at the end of the current season.

The 31-year-old striker is disturbed by rumours that his club Inter Milan will not be needing his services next season and is in the mood to quit rather than leave and find himself a new club.

The West German international has already flatly denied reports that he will sign for Austrian club FC Tirol, and is not interested in speculation that several Spanish clubs are interested in signing him.

Rummenigge insists: "I'm at an age when I would rather not have to learn a new language and, anyway, I have just bought a nice new house by Lake Como in Italy."

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BELGIAN club St-Niklaas found a real-life Santa Claus when a local businessman saved them from bankruptcy and guaranteed players' salaries when he bought the club for \$200,000.

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GOALKEEPER **RODRIGUES**, Uruguay's highly rated goalkeeper, is available for transfer following the breakdown of contractual negotiations with his Brazilian club Santos. And the transfer fee would be a bargain \$100,000.

GHANA is one of eight nations to be suspended from all competitions by FIFA after failing to pay their annual dues. The World Cup will never be the same again!

ONLY days before England's 4-2 hiding of Spain, West German boss **FRANZ BECKENBAUER** claimed England would be co-helpers in next year's European Championship Finals in West Germany.

He claimed that England wouldn't even be in the running for a semi-final spot in the tournament, saying: "The winners will be one of four nations, either the USSR, Spain, Italy or my team."

I don't know whether England are no-hopers but certainly they'll be up against stiff opposition and that series should prove to be one of the best ever. Let's hope we can see it on TV.

With such likely finalists like the USSR, Italy, Spain, Holland, England, Denmark and Eire and the German hosts, it should be a cracker-jack tournament.

ENTER **MILAN** have launched an anti-violence campaign.

Inter have responded to the serious disturbances affecting the game by handing out stickers before each match proclaiming: "Support Inter, we win everything including the fight against violence."

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NO TAKERS FOR MO

THERE have been no firm offers for Glasgow Celtic 'bad boy' MO JOHNSTON — not just yet anyway.

Of course there have been the usual tame inquiries but no club has put its foot down with a real bid.

Johnston was eventually stepped on the transfer list after months of wrangling over a contract that would have earned the international striker £4,000 a week.

But the most controversial name in Scottish football, capped 13 times by his country, may have to move to the Continent to get the sort of money he and his agent are dreaming of.

And there is the added problem that the big English clubs are only too well aware of his love of life in the first line.

Says Celtic manager David Hay: "After last weekend I called him into my office to ask him for the millionth time if he would be signing a new contract for us."

"Time and again he has been saying in the papers how much he loves Celtic and the fans. We've offered him an extremely attractive contract but he kept on putting it off."

"This time he just said that he wasn't going to sign. And as far as I was concerned, that was the end."

At the back of all the worry for most clubs is the extra burden of the salary amount over that

Johnston will be facing very soon.

It is just another chapter in a chequered career. He was left out of the Scottish squad for the Mexico World Cup Finals last year by Alex Ferguson, despite being the best striker available.

Ferguson refused to take him after the incident here in Australia during the Scotland World Cup match against the Saxons when he was fouled at three in the morning with a route full of Antipodians.

This sort of behaviour has ruled out a move to Manchester United. He was all but on his way there when Ron Atkinson was in charge but now Ferguson has the reins and he can forget any Old Trafford dream.

A truly superb player he is and when he was in Scotland he was the back of the net with monotonous regularity, although he hit the headlines just as often for his private life exploits.

"I enjoyed myself when I was at Scotland and went a bit mad with the girls, drink and late nights. But don't run away with the idea that I am the hell-raiser that people try to make me out. I've changed since then," said Johnston recently.

United's Spring — Clean



MANCHESTER UNITED are on the verge of the biggest overhaul of their playing staff since the days of Tommy Docherty and Ron Atkinson.

Manager Alex Ferguson has \$5 million at his disposal but is also keen to clear out any 'deadwood' that is in the club to make in more transfer money.

As Ferguson paves the way for a massive clear out at Old Trafford, the likes of Peter Davenport, Hansi Moos, Chris Turner, Arthur Albiston, Clayton Blackmore, Graeme Hogg, Terry Gibson and Gary Bailey could all be on their way before long.

It's four months since Ferguson took charge of United, but there have been few signs of improvement on the pitch.

The FA Cup Fourth Round defeat by Coventry City was the final straw, leaving United with nothing to play for this season and facing a massive financial loss at the turnstiles.

Ferguson has decided the time has come for drastic action, but before he makes any new signings he wants to reduce the bulging playing squad at Old Trafford.

And that could mean the end of the road for a few members of United stars.

United captain BRYAN ROBSON has seen it coming for a while now.

He said: "It would not surprise me if the manager launches the biggest clear out of players seen at Old Trafford for a long time."

"He wants us to win so much, and simply can't understand why such a potentially strong squad of players is not putting the results together."

"What bothers him most is that we are more or less the same squad of players who managed a string of ten straight wins at the start of last season."

"Nobody is safe in our line-up and that includes me. We are all terribly disappointed we have blown out of all competitions. Rarely has a Manchester United team ducked out of the trophies so early."

"The boss is not at all happy, and who can blame him."

ABOVE: Manchester United take out the FA Cup Final of 1985 as Norman Whiteside races away after scoring the winner against Everton. BELOW: Peter Davenport, could be on way out.



HUGHES SACKED BY VENABLES!

MARK HUGHES may well find himself back in Manchester come the end of the season!

That is the startling news from Spain. He moved this week after the national Barcelona was sent home to England by an Irish Republic manager Terry Venables.

Already, as reported in *ASH* a couple of weeks ago, Manchester United have put feeling out for Hughes and a move back to Old Trafford is likely if not immediate.

Season 1986-87 has not been a happy one for the former Manchester man in Spain, a distant contrast to his former status from Brian Gary Lineker, who has been in training since for both club and country.

Hughes returned to England after being dropped from Barcelona's 2-1 draw with Real Sociedad. His exit is said to be a direct result of the club's shock exit from the UEFA Cup at the hands of Dundee United.

His place in the Barça, was taken up by

Arribas, out of favour since Steve Archibald, who dropped winning back his spot for the game, said: "I want a team like Arsenal from England to come along and sign me."

"In fact if they came right now I'd be on my way back, ready, willing and able to help them win the First Division Championship."

Archibald is alleged to expect that he is injury prone and not old. "Forget all those rumours,"

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